

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/042,612

Applicant(s)

EGBE ET AL.

Examiner

Art Unit

Michael Komakov

1746

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 06/28/2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-5 and 13-20.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Ms. R. Morris-Oskanian, esq., on 01/27/2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

Cancel claims 8-12

In claim 1 after the words "from 5 to 50 wt% water" insert ---wherein all the ingredients contain therein are dissolved---

In claim 4 replace the words "or its corresponding salt is" after the words "wherein the sulfonic acid" by the words ---is represented by---

In claim 13 after the words "a corrosion inhibitor" insert ---wherein all the ingredients contain therein are dissolved---

In claim 14 after the words "a corrosion inhibitor" insert ---wherein all the ingredients contain therein are dissolved---

Response to amendment

2. All previous rejections have been overcome by the amendment, filed 06/28/2004, in combination with the Examiner's amendment and the rejections are withdrawn. The introduction of new claims 15-20 is acknowledged.

Allowable Claims

3. Claims 1-5, 13-20 are allowable over the prior art of record.

Reasons for Allowance

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The closest prior art of record are the references to Inoue et al (U.S. 6,232,283), Jones (U.S. 4,199,483) and Weaver et al (U.S. 6,486,115).

Applicants amended claims 1, 13, 14 limiting the wt% range for water soluble organic solvent. The newly introduced range being from 45 to 90 wt% of a water soluble organic solvent is not anticipated or suggested fairly by Inoue et al.

With regard to Jones reference, Applicants' arguments are found persuasive and this reference is removed from the scope of rejection.

The reference to Weaver et al teaches the cleaning composition with ingredients, similar to those instantly claimed, however the composition of Weaver et al is an oil in water microemulsion. On the contrary, all the ingredients of the instantly claimed composition are dissolved, which limits the instant composition to homogeneous.

Upon further search no other prior art that anticipates or suggests fairly the composition as instantly claimed has been located as of the date of this office action. Therefore, claims 1-5,13-20 are allowed over the prior art of record.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael Kornakov whose telephone number is (571) 272-1303. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00am - 5:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Barr can be reached on (571) 272-1414. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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